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NO. 2

WIRES:

1. AP: SCHWEID FROM PEKING -- "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CALLED ON AILING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI TONIGHT AND LATER EXCHANGED TOASTS WITH OTHER CHINESE LEADERS. BOTH SIDES PROMISED FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING.

KISSINGER, WHO FLEW HERE FROM THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT MEETING OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV, ALSO PLANS TO BRIEF THE CHINESE ON THE NEW U.S. - SOVIET NUCLEAR ARMS UNDERSTANDING.

"IN THE LAST YEARS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
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COUNTRIES HAVE MOVED AHEAD STEADILY," KISSINGER SAID IN

A BANQUET TOAST. "I AM HERE TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS AND I AM CONFIDENT IT WILL SUCCEED."

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA DECLARED: "CHINA

AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US ON A SERIES OF MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE. BUT THIS DOES NOT HINDER US FROM FINDING COMMON GROUND ON CERTAIN MATTERS."

ON THE WAY TO THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE FOR DINNER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE STOPPED AT A REST HOME FOR A 30-MINUTE VISIT WITH CHOU, WHO IS 76 AND NOT WELL. KISSINGER DESCRIBED HIM AS "BRIGHT AND ALERT."

WITHOUT MENTIONING FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON BY NAME, KISSINGER TOLD HIS DINNER GUESTS THERE HAVE BEEN "SOME CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES" SINCE HIS LAST VISIT. "BUT," HE ADDED, "IT WAS NO ACCIDENT THAT THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT SAW YOUR AMBASSADOR THE FIRST DAY IN OFFICE AND THAT HE REAFFIRMED IN A STATEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA." END SCHWEID

2. UPI--LEAD FROM PEKING: "THE RUSSIANS ACCEPTED THE VLADIVOSTOK STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AGREEMENT IN PART BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START WITH PRESIDENT FORD, A HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID MONDAY.

FORD AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT IN VLADIVOSTOK FOR A 10-YEAR CURB ON THE NUMBER OF OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL, WHO TALKED TO NEWSMEN ABOARD THE PLANE CARRYING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO PEKING, SAID FORD WILL BRIEF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS NEXT WEEK ON THE EXACT NUMBER OF MISSILES, BOMBERS, AND OTHER STRATEGIC NUCLEAR OFFENSIVE WEAPONS LIMITED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ACCORD.

THE OFFICIAL SAID HE FELT THE RUSSIANS SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR THREE REASONS.

FIRST, IT IS "OBVIOUS THEY WANTED TO GET OFF ON GOOD FOOTING WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION," THE OFFICIAL SAID. HE SAID THE RUSSIANS THINK IN TERMS OF FORD WINNING THE

1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

SECONDLY, THE RUSSIANS FELT THEY HAD ENOUGH NUCLEAR MIGHT TO AFFORD THE AGREEMENT BECAUSE THE NUCLEAR MISSILE CEILING STILL LEFT THEM WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH NUCLEAR PUNCH.

THE THIRD REASON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, WAS THE RUSSIAN FEAR THAT IF AN AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED AT VLADIVOSTOK, THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANOTHER CHANCE.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS NO SECRET OR HIDDEN DEAL MADE IN VLADIVOSTOK BY FORD AND KISSINGER.

DIPLOMATS SAID THEY EXPECTED THE LIMITATION AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN JULY, WHEN BREZHNEV VISITS THE UNITED STATES.
END UPL.

TV:

1. ABC NEWS: NO KAPLOW, BUT REASONER, 16 MINUTES INTO THE PROGRAM: "THE MANDATE FOR THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS EXPIRES SATURDAY, AND SYRIA HAD SAID IT WOULD NOT RENEW THE MANDATE UNLESS ISRAEL COMMITTED ITSELF TO ANOTHER TROOP PULLBACK. TONIGHT IN DAMASCUS, UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM, AFTER MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD, SAID HE DOES EXPECT SYRIA TO AGREE TO A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION. THERE HAD BEEN FEARS THAT IF THE UN LEFT THE GOLAN, NEW FIGHTING WOULD BREAK OUT.

A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL ABOARD SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PLANE ON THE WAY TO PEKING SAID TODAY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THE SOVIETS REACHED AN ARMS CONTROL UNDERSTANDING WITH PRESIDENT FORD THIS WEEKEND WAS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GET OFF TO A GOOD START WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THE PRESIDENT WILL BRIEF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TOMORROW ON SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE ARMS UNDERSTANDING.

IN PEKING TODAY, KISSINGER BROUGHT CHOU EN-LAI AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS UP TO DATE ON THE FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT. IT WAS KISSINGER'S SEVENTH VISIT TO CHINA, AND BOTH SIDES EXCHANGED TOASTS TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING."

2.

NBC: NO VALERIANI, GARRICK UTLEY HAD THIS 13 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM: "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER MET WITH CHINESE LEASERS TODAY IN PEKING, AND IN PEKING A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL, WHOSE IDENTITY WAS NOT REVEALED, SAID HE IS CONFIDENT SYRIA WILL PERMIT UNITED NATIONS

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, WHERE THEY ARE KEEPING SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES SEPARATED. THE UN MANDATE THERE RUNS OUT THIS COMING SATURDAY."

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3. CBSC NO KALB, CRONKITE HAD THE FOLLOWING AT 9 MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR:

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN CHINA TODAY, HIS

SEVENTH TRIP THERE IN THREE YEARS. HE MET PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR IN A PEKING HOSPITAL WHERE CHOU HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS. KISSINGER ASSURED HIM, AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS AT A BANQUET LATER, THAT SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE."

4. REASONER COMMENTARY AT END OF ABC NEWS: "IF THE SOVIETS AND THE AMERICANS HAVE ANOTHER SUMMIT MEETING IN RUSSIA, FROM A PERSONAL STANDPOINT I HOPE THEY HAVE IT IN VLADIVOSTOK. IT MADE A PRETTY BACKGROUND FOR PICTURES, THE ATTRACTIVELY SNOW-CLAD PINES AND THE FUR HATS ALL OVER, AND IT WAS FAR MORE COMFORTABLE THAN MOSCOW IN ITS ATTITUDES TOWARDS VISITING AMERICANS, MAYBE BECAUSE THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY VISITING AMERICANS THERE FOR SO LONG.

BUT UP TO THE TIME THE RATHER IMPORTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. FORD AND COMRADE BREZHNEV WAS ANNOUNCED, ON SUNDAY EVENING, SOME PEOPLE WERE QUESTIONING THE WHOLE VALUE OF SUMMITS. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF OUR SIDE AND MAYBE THEIRS WERE RESPONDING TO A PUBLIC PRESSURE -- YOU HAVE GONE TO ALL THIS TROUBLE AND EXPENSE, SHOW US IT IS NOT ALL BREAD AND CIRCUSES -- RESPONDING TO A MAJOR STEP, WHICH ACCORDING TO DR. KISSINGER AS OF LAST WEEK, WAS NOT EXPECTED AT THIS MEETING. THE THING IS, WE WERE ALL REMINDED IN KOREA LAST WEEK THAT ALL STATE VISITS USED TO BE LIKE THAT ONE. DWIGHT EISENHOWER GOT THOSE WIDELY AFFECTIONATE CROWDS WHEREEVER HE WENT. BUT NOW THE REACTION OF TOKYO TO GERALD FORD IS MORE TYPICAL AND THERE IT WAS LARGELY JUST ANOTHER TRAFFIC JAM.

SUMMITS HAVE BECOME PRODIGIOUSLY EXPENSIVE. THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT IS NINE-TENTHS UNDISCOVERABLE, BURIED IN A HUNDRED BUDGETS FOR TRANSPORT, SECURITY, PREPARATION AND PANOPLY, BUT IT IS GRAND AND STUNNING. AND THE GREAT DANGER OF PERSONAL-CONTACT DIPLOMACY REMAINS. AGREEMENT WHICH COULD NOT BE REACHED WITHOUT THE FACE-TO-FACE ASSENT OF TWO LEADERS WHO GET ALONG, DEPENDS FOR ITS TENURE ON THEIRS, AND ON THEIR CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP.

WE'RE ALL GLAD THAT MR. FORD'S FIRST OVERSEAS VENTURE PRODUCED APPARENTLY SUBSTANTIVE AND IMPORTANT RESULTS, BUT THE SUSPICION REMAINS THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE A BETTER WAY TO DO IT."

5. MARVIN KALB HAD THIS ON CBS RADIO,
"KISSINGER, FRESH FROM HIS SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT WITH THE RUSSIANS, SOUGHT TO REASSURE THE CHINESE TONIGHT THAT

THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS NOT, AS HE PUT IT, A MATTER OF EXPEDIENCY BUT A FIXED PRINCIPLE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. SPEAKING AT A BANQUET IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, THE SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN GREAT CHANGES IN THE WORLD AND IN THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR IN THE PAST YEAR. BUT THOSE CHANGES, HE SAID, MUST LEAD TO A NEW AND BETTER ORDER FOR ALL PEOPLE. KISSINGER WAS RESPONDING TO A TOAST BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA, CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. THE CHINESE DIPLOMAT SAID THERE
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WAS DISORDER, CONTRADICTIONS, AND TURMOIL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN OUR VIEW, CHIAO WENT ON, TURMOIL IS A GOOD THING AND NOT A BAD THING. THE CHINESE DIPLOMAT PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, SAYING HIS ROLE WAS A PIONEERING ONE IN REOPENING CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. "

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